

## Soldiers' Visit Brightens Orphanage

By Sgt. Dan Purcell

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BAGHDAD, Iraq- Iraqi orphans from the Al-Rashid District in Baghdad, received a donation of humanitarian-aid packages and a generator from the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion attached to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

The orphanage, located just outside the walls of Camp War Eagle, is home to 26 boys and girls between the ages of five and 18. The orphanage was a juvenile detention center before the war, but it was abandoned when the war began.

After the war, the Al-Hawsa organization [a fundamentalist Shi'a group] opened the orphanage and still provides some funding to it. The building is sparsely furnished, has broken windows and lacks electricity.

"Basically, there were some people who gathered up the orphans and then turned the detention center into an orphanage," Maj. Joel Hagy, team leader, 478th CA Bn.,

said.

The orphanage was not an official project for the team. The team, also known as Team Strike, would occasionally drop by the orphanage to see how the orphans were doing and to drop off packages.

"This time, in addition to the packages, we had found a generator and we offered to give it to them," Hagy said. "We give them what we can, but it's nothing official."

The Soldiers found a generator, but they had no way of delivering it.

"We figured they could make it a community effort and find a way of getting the generator out to the orphanage, and this might help bring the community closer together," Spc. Ariel Rodriguez, 478th CA Bn., said.

In addition to the generator, 20 bags of humanitarian relief goods were given away. The bags include a variety of items such as rice, tea, clothes, crayons and candy for the children.

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**An Iraqi orphan helps unload humanitarian relief packages donated by Team Strike, 478th Civil Affairs Battalion, at an orphanage located just outside the walls of Camp War Eagle.**

## 3BCT Completes School Supply Donation

By Spc. Jan Critchfield

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BAGHDAD, Iraq- Truckload upon truckload of computers, furniture, carpet, and air conditioners were delivered to five area schools June 9. The delivery marked the completion of a massive project organized by local district council members, busi-

nessmen, and the 1st Cavalry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

3rd BCT Soldiers toured the five campuses to see that the supplies promised were delivered. The Soldiers also were going to speak with the schools' directors about further projects that would benefit the students of central Baghdad.

The cost of the supplies

totaled \$89,974, and was paid for with Commanders Emergency Relief Funds, a pool of money the coalition has dedicated to humanitarian aid for the Iraqi people.

Computers were among the supplies donated to aid teachers and to expose Iraqis to technology at a young age, making them more competitive in the modern workplace.

"The donations bring the schools much closer to having what they need to provide the best education possible," said Ali Kammona, a Baghdad native and chief engineer in charge of the project.

"The students are responsible to guide the future," he said. Kammona believes it was the policy of the former regime

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## 2-7 Cav. Helps Sow Seeds of Success

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to not fund many schools that now benefit from coalition projects.

"They say that this is the greatest school that [Saddam] did ... but there was nothing in the building," said Shatha Al-Obeidi, a Baghdad businesswoman and city council member, referring to the absence of up-to-date equipment in one of the schools.

Al-Obeidi, who grew up and went to school in central Baghdad, remembers what it was like to attend school under the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein. She remembers a lack of supplies, and she is happy to see that the coalition is trying to alleviate the problem. "We are building a new era and we need coalition help," she said.

"We identified [the needs

of the schools] through civil affairs reports and the Neighborhood Advisory Council," said Capt. Douglass Copeland, commander of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, the unit from the 3BCT that oversaw the project.

"We prioritized those needs based upon what those schools needed to facilitate education. [We donated] more essential infrastructure types of things needed to facilitate education," Copeland said.

"This was an effort to get the schools squared away for next year and also to show the community that we care. This is a costly project [at \$90,000], but if you look at what the return is ... we're sowing the seeds of success for the future," he said. "We're serious about taking care of these kids."



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**Staff Sgt. Garcia, security detail, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, kicks a soccer ball around with the orphans.**

## 478th CA Bn. Offers Hope to Orphans

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"A lot of these kids don't get what normal Iraqis get because they don't have identification cards as a result of not having any parents," Hagy said. "They are kids who have fallen through the cracks."

The team wants to continue to support the orphanage in the future.

"As a team we all pulled together to help this orphanage and we will definitely be going back out there to check up on them," Rodriguez said.



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**Capt. Douglass Copeland, Company B commander, 2-7 Cav., 3BCT, listens to his interpreter during a meeting with the director of one of five Baghdad schools that received a portion of \$90,000 worth of supplies.**

## Iraqi Word of the Day

food ak-el

### Monday

High: 110  
Low: 85



### Tuesday

High: 109  
Low: 84



### Wednesday

High: 109  
Low: 83



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## World's First Science Fiction Museum Opens in Seattle

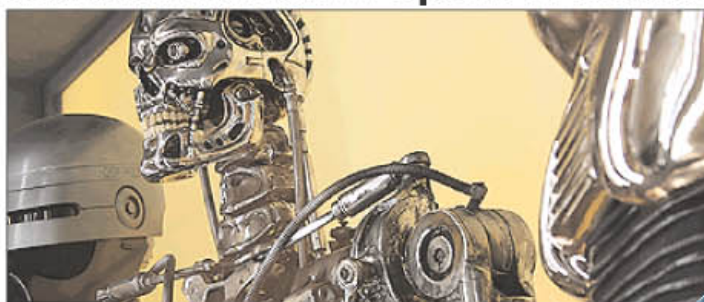
► From MSNBC

SEATTLE- Perhaps it was a sign of things to come. Earlier this month, bright flashes in the sky had heads turning. Sure, it turned out to be a meteor, but then what to make of that green inflatable creature perched atop the Space Needle?

Yes, aliens had come to Seattle.

The Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame, which opens today [June 18], features the usual intergalactic suspects - E.T. and Yoda; the robot B9 from "Lost in Space" ("Danger, Will Robinson!"); and Robby the Robot of "Forbidden Planet" fame. Captain Kirk's original chair from the U.S.S. Enterprise is here, as well as other more obscure artifacts, from the crossbow used by Jane Fonda in her 1968 sci-fi foray "Barbarella" to a Buck Rogers XZ-38 disintegrator pistol, circa 1936.

But the museum, hailed as the world's first for science fiction, is meant to be more than just another pop-culture garage. For all its fanciful aspects, the museum succeeds in achieving one of its prime directives: to educate, showing the ways science fiction often becomes science fact, predicting evolutions in technology years before the evolutions actually happen.



Photos courtesy of The Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame

**Using the usual intergalactic suspects, one of the prime directives of the Science Fiction Museum is to educate, showing the ways science fiction often becomes science fact.**

The 13,000-square-foot museum is housed in the Frank Gehry-designed Experience Music Project building; both projects were the brainchild of Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, a longtime science-fiction fan who contributed \$20 million and more than a few artifacts from his family collection.

Walking through the museum space, you're caught up in the whoosh and flash and thump of serious sensory overload. The numerous exhibits point up the close relationship between today's technology and its fictional antecedents: Flip open your cell-phone and hold it next to one of the communicators from the "Star Trek" TV series from the mid-60's. The future of telephony was calling back then; can you hear it now?

"From early on, we thought we'd have to tell the whole story," said Greg Bear, a

Hugo- and Nebula-award winning science fiction author, and the chairman of the museum's advisory board.

"That means you take key artifacts - those you could get - and put them on display, everything from books and magazines to films. You interview authors, filmmakers, the creative minds and talk about what inspired them. And you put scientists into the mix. Put all that together and you've got a fabulous story, one that hasn't been told before."

Leading the effort to tell that story is museum director Donna Shirley, a former Jet Propulsion Laboratory engineer who directed the Mars Sojourner exploration program. The advisory board is a who's who of science fiction: Ray Bradbury, David Brin, Octavia Butler, Orson Scott Card, Freeman Dyson, George Lucas, Steven Spielberg and many more.



**One of the creatures featured in the "Them!" exhibit at the new Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame which opened in Seattle, Wash. June 18.**

## Today in Cav History June 21



**1967 - SP5 Edgar L. McWethy Jr., B-1/5 Cavalry earns the Medal of Honor.**

**1967 - SP4 Carmel B. Harvey Jr., B-1/5 Cavalry earns the Medal of Honor.**

## Today in History June 21

► From [historychannel.com](http://historychannel.com)

**1788 U.S. Constitution ratified**

**1813 French defeated in Spain, ending the Peninsula War**

**1916 U.S. Brig. Gen. John Pershing's forces, in pursuit of Pancho Villa, attacked by Mexican government troops**

**1956 Playwright Arthur Miller defies the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refuses to name suspected communists**

**1964 Three civil rights workers disappear in central Mississippi after investigating the burning of an African American church by the Ku Klux Klan. The disappearance garnered national attention and led to a massive FBI investigation that was named MIBURN, for "Mississippi Burning."**

**1982 John Hinckley, who shot President Ronald Reagan in front of the Washington Hilton, on March 30, 1981, found not guilty by reason of insanity**

**1966 Operation Rolling Thunder raids continue**



## Reds' Ken Griffey Jr. Hits 500th Home Run in St. Louis

► From AP

ST. LOUIS- Ken Griffey Jr. trotted around the bases as if it was just another home run. It was hardly that.

Griffey hit a 2-2 pitch from Matt Morris into the right-field stands and went right into the record books as the 20th player to hit 500 home runs Sunday.

The Cincinnati Reds started a frustrating stretch with his leadoff homer in the sixth inning, becoming the sixth-youngest player to hit 500, in a 6-0 win over the St. Louis Cardinals. Griffey took a few extra seconds to watch his drive fly into the seats, dropped his bat and then slowly trotted around the bases with his 19th homer of the season.

The base coaches simply shook Griffey's hand as he passed by. When Griffey crossed the plate, he tapped fists with teammate Adam Dunn, who then tapped Griffey on the helmet. All of his teammates then came out on the field to congratulate him.

Griffey then went to a box



**In front of St. Louis fans, Ken Griffey Jr. belts his 500th homerun ball an estimated 393 feet as Cincinnati went on to beat the Cardinals 6-0.**

next to the Reds' dugout and hugged his father, Ken Griffey Sr., and children.

Griffey, the first to reach 500 in a Cincinnati uniform, got a warm ovation from a sell-out crowd of 45,620 on Lou Brock bobblehead day. He then received a standing ovation as he ran out to the field before the bottom of the sixth, responding with a wave of his

Before Griffey reached center field, Reds relievers came out of the bullpen and congratulated him.

Griffey was the fastest to 350, 400 and 450 before being slowed by injuries the last three seasons.

The ball was caught by 19-year-old Mark Brummley of Mount Carmel, Ill.



## Major League Baseball Standings

as of 06/20/04

### American League East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	43	24	.642	-
Boston	39	29	.574	4.5
Tampa Bay	32	34	.485	10.5
Toronto	30	39	.435	14
Baltimore	28	37	.431	14

### Central Division

Minnesota	38	30	.559	-
Chicago	35	30	.538	1.5
Cleveland	33	34	.493	4.5
Detroit	31	37	.456	7
Kansas City	26	40	.394	11

### West Division

Oakland	38	29	.567	-
Texas	37	29	.561	.5
Anaheim	37	31	.544	1.5
Seattle	29	38	.433	9

### National League East Division

Philadelphia	36	31	.537	-
Florida	37	32	.536	-
New York	34	34	.500	2.5
Atlanta	32	36	.471	4.5
Montreal	22	45	.328	14

### Central Division

St. Louis	41	28	.594	-
Chicago	39	30	.565	2
Cincinnati	38	31	.551	3
Milwaukee	35	31	.530	4.5
Houston	35	33	.515	5.5
Pittsburgh	26	39	.400	13

### West Division

Los Angeles	37	29	.561	-
San Francisco	37	32	.536	1.5
San Diego	34	34	.500	4
Arizona	27	42	.391	11.5
Colorado	25	43	.368	13

**Glossary** W: Wins, L: Losses, PCT: Winning Percentage, GB: Games Behind

## TV GUIDE

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7 p.m.	Jeopardy/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 7:30 p.m.	SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
8 p.m.	ESPNNews/ Headline News	To Kill a Mockingbird	Wimbledon Tennis Tournament - Early Round Coverage Day 1	The Simpsons/ Happy Days
9 p.m.	60 Minutes			Average Joe: Hawaii
10 p.m.	Cold Case	Buffy The Vampire Slayer 10:30 p.m.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

## FIRST TEAM